

Please amend the following claim:

45) Use of the magnetic nanoparticles according to [any of claims 33 to 43]  
claim 33 for biological or medical applications.

REMARKS

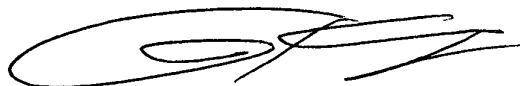
The above-noted amendments to the claims are respectfully submitted in order to correct the multiple dependencies in Claims 11, 27 and 45. No new matter is included in these amendments.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which he may have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefore.

Respectfully submitted,

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